

LIVES SAVED BY CAT.

In Moving Around Mrs. Smeltzer to Danger from Fire.

Found Her Brooklyn Store Ablaze and Sent in an Alarm.

Five Tenants Badly Burned Before Firemen Could Rescue Them.

Five persons were seriously burned in a tenement-house fire which broke out at 2:30 o'clock this morning at 230 West 12th street, South Brooklyn.

Had it not been for the pitiful "meow" of a half-smothered cat, which awakened one of the tenants, who aroused the rest, it is likely that several lives would have been lost.

The persons burned were: Margaret Ryan, twenty-four years old, burned about the face and legs.

Robert Ryan, her mother, sixty years old, badly burned about the arms and hands.

John Coaglin, thirty years old, burned about the neck, hands, arms and legs.

John Coaglin, Jr., eight years old, burned about the hands and face.

Mrs. Kate Coaglin, twenty-eight years old, burned about the arms, chest and body.

All the injured persons were removed to the homes of neighbors.

The house is a three-story double tenement, and about thirty persons made their homes in it. The building is on the water front of Red Hook.

At 2:30 o'clock Mrs. Minnie Smeltzer, a widow who keeps a grocery on the ground floor of the tenement, was awakened from a sound sleep by the "meow" of her pet cat in the hall.

She arose and opened the door to let the cat in when she noticed smoke in the hall and heard the crackling of burning wood.

Mrs. Smeltzer ran into her store to get where the cat was and was nearly overcome by smoke.

She staggered out, and then ran upstairs crying loudly to the other tenants that the house was on fire.

Then the woman ran down the street and caused an alarm to be sent in to fire headquarters.

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Wild West Jerry Martin Tamed by a Policeman.

Insisted on Burns's "Barnacles" Having Something on Him.

When Asked to Settle, He Began to Clean Out the Saloon.

When Mr. Jerry P. Martin, of O'Hanlon, Pa., was hustled before Justice Haggerty, on the Myrtle Avenue Police Court, Brooklyn, to-day, he lost 90 per cent. of his wild and woolly West air and was as docile as a lamb.

He did not look like the man who terrorized the loungers of James Burns's saloon, at 144 Flushing avenue, yesterday, although Policeman Dailey, of the Clermont avenue station, swore to his identity.

When asked if he was guilty of assault, Martin meekly said "No," and was held by Justice Haggerty in \$1,000 bonds to await examination Aug. 17.

Burns's brother, Patrick, was behind the bar in the Flushing avenue place about 4 o'clock yesterday. Martin came into the place with a whoop and invited every one to step up and "have something on him."

He said that he wanted every one present to enjoy themselves at his expense.

Several "barnacles" who had been hanging around all day cultivating a habit of drinking, were also present.

Several hangers-on outside the place also rushed in to get under the wing of Mr. Martin's hospitality.

Martin and his new friends were having a good time, but Martin was not to be trifled with.

After a while Burns began to get tired showing out beer without seeing any good hard coin, and asked Martin to stop.

Martin became angry at Burns for his presumption, and whipping a big revolver, crying loudly to the other tenants that the house was on fire.

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CUT OPEN HIS WIFE'S HEAD.

Mrs. Mary Allen Terribly Beaten by Her Drunken Husband.

Internally Injured and May Die of Her Wounds.

It Is Supposed That He Killed Her During a Quarrel.

Guy Allen, a laborer, of 36 North Seventh street, Williamsburg, was held in the Lee Avenue Police Court, Williamsburg, this morning on a charge of assault in the second degree on his wife, Mary. He may have to answer for murder, as the woman is in a critical condition.

For the last two weeks Allen has been out of work, and has spent the greater part of his time in the saloons in the neighborhood. He was home intoxicated yesterday afternoon and began abusing his wife because supper was not ready.

Then the food didn't suit him, and he knocked her down and kicked her about the head and chest, at her mother's and sister's aid.

One of the glasses struck Mrs. Allen on the head and caused a scalp wound.

Mrs. Allen was taken to St. Catherine's Hospital this morning. There it was said she had little chance for recovery.

The surgeons say that the woman is suffering from internal injuries as well as from the blows.

Allen, when arraigned in court, refused to make a statement.

LIONS AND TIGERS ROARED.

Little Damage Done by the Accident to Main's Circus Train.

PLUSHING, L. I., Aug. 14.—Considerable excitement was caused here at 1:40 o'clock this morning by a collision between two sections of a special train of twenty-eight cars used by Walter L. Main's Circus Company.

One section, with the engine, was on a side-track in charge of Conductor McKeevey. The other section was loading up with animals just beyond the tunnel at Murray Hill.

From Murray Hill to Flushing is a down grade, and the section, instead of being stopped by the engine, was allowed to run down of its own momentum.

A single brakeman was guiding the cars, and he was unable to stop them.

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IS A WIFE-MURDER?

Saloon-Keeper Gillan Taken to Long Island City Under Arrest.

His Wife Was Shot and Killed in Blissville, L. I., This Morning.

It Is Supposed That He Killed Her During a Quarrel.

LONG ISLAND CITY, L. I., Aug. 14.—Thomas Gillan, who keeps a saloon at Borden and Greenpoint avenues, Blissville, was brought to the Second Precinct Station House at 10 o'clock this morning on a charge of wife-murder.

Mary Gillan, his wife, was shot and killed some time this morning in her home, as alleged, by her husband. Gillan when arrested refused to make any statement.

The coroner has charge of the case, and is making an investigation.

From what can be learned among the neighbors Gillan and his wife had not lived happily for some time, and it is suspected that he shot her during a quarrel.

Gillan's saloon is located at the entrance of Calvary cemetery. The saloon-keeper is forty years of age and his wife was forty.

She was a widow with one child and he was a widower when they were married two months ago.

Ever since their marriage they have lived unhappily. Mrs. Gillan has been before the police several times for quarrels with her husband, charging him with non-support and cruelty.

The cases were settled, however, before they went to trial.

This morning, about 7:30 o'clock, Mrs. Gillan's thirty-year-old daughter, by her first husband, Estella Roman, went to her mother's room and knocked on the door.

She received no answer and, opening the door, went into the room and found her mother lying on the floor.

She was horrified and her mother, lying dead upon the bed, partially dressed, with a bullet hole in her right temple and a revolver lying at her side on the bed.

The revolver was her husband's. The coroner called a physician to the scene and the body of the mother was taken to the hospital.

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